

Posey's Points

The reaction of the Negro National Baseball League meeting held in Philadelphia on Feb. 2 will be felt throughout the Eastern 1940 baseball season. The three-to-three vote was just an item which may happen in any organization, it was a difference of opinion between six members and the voting reflected it.

The charges and counter charges which were hurled across the table by various members will not easily be forgotten.

We will now settle down to hear and read everybody's opinion of how the league should be run.

Those who never had a voice will now "go for the downs."

Since we have been at meetings, social, athletic, fraternal and political, we have never heard so much senseless chatter and baying at the moon as was done by one party; ramblings which were done for the personal benefit of a prepaid crowd of New York sports writers. Their admission had been paid to a massacre which turned out to be a game of "tag."

There are some accusations which were carried in the self-styled "New York's leading weekly," which should be questioned as some of these copies might, through a grave mistake, find themselves in some other city.

The promoter of the games at the Yankee Stadium, New York, does get ten per cent of NET receipts. This promoter puts up all advance money for the park. He assumes all liability insurance at a cost of twenty-five dollars—the liability insurance formerly cost \$173 each game. This promoter gets Yankee Stadium for the league clubs for \$1,000 the cost up until last year was \$3,500. This promoter cut the operating expenses for each game from \$2,000 a game to \$1,000 per game.

For the season this promoter saved the league clubs two thousand dollars. The promoter cleared eleven hundred dollars for himself for the year. The league clubs cleared over sixteen thousand dollars.

The promoter took all the headaches, the league clubs walked into the Stadium, and twenty minutes after the game was over, walked out with their shares.

We contrast this with three promotions at Randall's Island in 1938, under the promotion of Jim Semler. Each club—Philly Stars, Baltimore Elites, Pittsburgh Crawfords, New York Black Yankees—cleared \$12 for three games, and it took two days after each game to argue over and pay bills.

We recall the East-West game at Yankee Stadium on September 18, 1938, when the expenses for the game were \$2,400 and comp-

mentary tickets were sold in advance. This promotion was also through the Black Yankee's office.

We recall the four-game promotion in Newark on September 5 of 1939. Mrs. Manley took ten per cent of the net for promotion, besides allowing Mr. Manley a specified sum for personal expenses of traveling.

It has been broadcast through the Amsterdam News that Cum Posey walked out of the league meeting. That is so. We walked out of the meeting when President Tom Wilson ADJOURNED the meeting to meet at 11 o'clock the next day. President Wilson adjourned the meeting because of the language Mrs. Effa Manley was using in attempting to bring a race issue into the meeting against the sole white member, who had helped organize the league in 1934. It was a disgusting exhibition for a lady. It was embarrassing, inasmuch as we looked for a certain amount of courtesy had we been the lone colored member at a white meeting.

Perhaps the American Negro League has a little something we do not have. Mrs. Manley took a "junket" to Chicago last December at the league's expense—Abe is the treasurer—and demanded that the A.N.L. make Judge Hastie commissioner. The A.N.L. went into executive session and decided they did not know Judge Hastie but they would be glad to name Mrs. Effa Manley the commissioner if she would accept it, as she appeared to be the only person who could tell them how to conduct their affairs. This was sarcasm to the nth degree, but it never touched our leading member.

The Pittsburgh Courier, Chicago Defender, Afro-American, Philadelphia Tribune have supported Negro baseball for years and years. Where does the Amsterdam News of New York rate the dictatorship of Negro baseball when up until a few years ago they would not run a box score and used up their headlines describing a cricket match?

We wonder if the Negro sports scribes who made the "Cook tour" to Philadelphia and heard the irrational outburst concerning race pride, know that the Newark Eagles pays a publicity man \$50 a week, and this publicity man is

a white man?

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The officers of the Homestead Grays are: Rufus Jackson, president and treasurer; Cum Posey, vice-president and secretary; S. H. Posey, traveling secretary. Rufus Jackson and S. H. Posey conduct most of the affairs of the Homestead Grays. Cum Posey, as half owner, does not interfere with their operation of the club, only when called upon to help out in vital matters.

The continual reference to Cum Posey as sole owner of the Homestead Grays is a deliberate attempt to cause animosity between Rufus Jackson and myself. We agree on all things pertaining to baseball, and are tied up so strong politically and otherwise that these small attempts to cause dissension in the Homestead Grays' ranks for the benefit of the Newark Eagles and New York Amsterdam News is pitiful.

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Church by the pastor, Rev. G. L. Harris. Rev. Williams of Linden, William Pender and A. B. Thompson assisted. . . Mrs. Pattie Lovelace, wife of Walter Lovelace, 30 Prospect street, died last Saturday at her home after a long illness. Mrs. Lovelace is a native of Tallahassee, Fla., member of the Union Baptist Church, member of the choir and various other parish societies. She is survived by her husband, two sisters, three nephews and a niece. The funeral services were held from Union Baptist Church.

William Hall, 1763 Broadway, died at Alexian Brothers hospital, last Saturday. He was a senior at Thomas Jefferson high school. Surviving are his two brothers: Joseph and Arthur; a sister, Ruth. The funeral services were conducted last Tuesday from Nesbitt's Funeral Home, 165 Madison avenue. . . The New Zion Baptist Church held Sunday School Day last Sunday. They had guests from Mt. Ternan A.M.E. Sunday School, Union Baptist, Liberty Baptist and Shiloh Baptist. Those appearing on the program were: Miss Helen Bridges, Willie Mae Hicks from Mt. Ternan. Misses Bernice, Velma, Jean and Marie Dixon, Lorraine and Bernard Charles from Liberty Baptist. Miss Paige from Union Baptist. The family Four Quartet from Liberty Baptist and the Whispering Four Quartet from Zion Baptist Church, Newark. Dr. William Brown, the principal speaker, spoke on "Co-operation." Rev. E. T. Haupton, pastor.

Woodbury, N. J.

Allen Day, annual Founder's Day, was commemorated at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Sunday, Feb. 11, with song and praise service at 10:30, and morning service at 11 o'clock; the pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Dorsey, preaching a special message on Richard Allen. Sunday School from 12:45 to 2:15 was interesting and instructive. Sunday afternoon, the pastor, and a few members attended the fourth quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philip street, Camden. The A.C.E. League topic, "Liberty and Justice for All," at 6:30 was conducted by the financial secretary, Marshall Clark. The Sunday evening's Allen service was conducted by the A.C.E., with their junior department head, Miss Audrey Stevenson, mistress of ceremonies. Essays, duets, short talks and solos were interspersed thruout the program.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. A. Dorsey and Mrs. Florence Stewart attended the Missionary quarterly meeting at Atlantic City, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Wednesday and Thursday afternoon recreation periods of the A.C.E. League are progressing nicely. Some time in the near future, two table tennis experts of Philadelphia, will give an exhibition match. The Thursday evening club are going into their third week.

Rev. C. B. White, ministered to

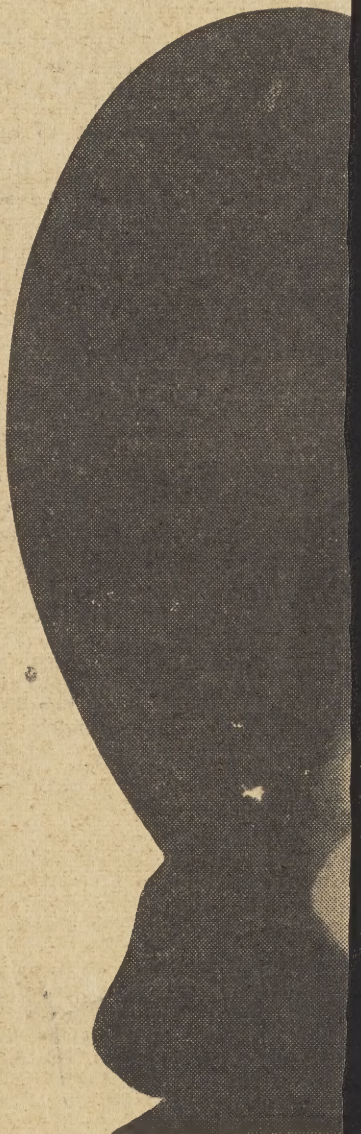
Mt. Zion Church in charge of Mrs. Mary Coy. The receipts will be used in preparing for annual conference. . . Friday evening Senior Choir practice at the parsonage. . . Saturday evening, a bake, was had by Mrs. Katherine Brittenham of 574 Mantua avenue.

HAWKS ON TOP

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15—In a game more exciting than the score indicated, the St. Mary's Hawks, girls basketball team Friday defeated the Lansdowne Darts, 28 to 7. Rose Crooms, recent Southern high grad, was the star.

He hath riches sufficient, who hath enough to be charitable.—Sir T. Browne.

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Our idea of a lovely pledge at Virginia State O member of the widely kn Harriet is the daughter o



Miss Elsie Montague, of Darby, snapped at the formal of the Pleasure Pirates last week in Philly.